

*****August 26, 2019*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Josh Kilbourne, Senior Pastor, Signal Crest United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the July 22nd meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the August 12th meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Dun Munroe, Cherokee Lane, said he was concerned there might be an increase in drunk driving if there is an increase in the percentage of alcohol content allowed in beer sold in the Town of Signal Mountain.

Patty Vanvalkinburgh, Prentice Lane, asked the Council to improve the conditions of the tennis court at Town Hall. She said the court has several issues including cracks, wind screens that have torn and become entangled, and that the bathroom is never cleaned.

Scott Lambeth, Cloud Crest Trail, presented information to the Council regarding a \$20,000.00 United States Tennis Association (USTA) grant for facility renovation. He said an additional \$20,000.00 available from the local Southern Regional organization. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, will meet with Mr. Lambeth to review the opportunities for the Town to apply for these grants.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL

MOUNTAIN, AND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND, FOR THE COMPLETION OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO INSTALL AN HVAC SYSTEM IN THE AUDITORIUM/THEATRE OF THE FORMER SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING.”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. During discussion Council decided it would be best to wait until all members could be present. The motion was rescinded by both Councilmember Murdock and Councilmember Graham.

Mayor Landrum made a motion to table this resolution. The motion to table was seconded by Councilmember Murdock. All present being in favor, the motion to table this resolution was approved.

2. “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER.”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

3. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS “DRIVER SAFETY” MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.”

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

4. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT WITH THOMAS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$84,000.00) TO COVER UNANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE JAMES BOULEVARD REPLACEMENT PROJECT.”

Mayor Landrum said that the Town has spent \$1 million on the rehabilitation of James Boulevard. He said the Town expects a smooth road with no cracking, cuts, or dips. Ron Key, Engineer for CTI Engineers, presented the Council with a letter detailing the issues related to the James Boulevard road construction (copy attached).

Mr. Key explained to the Council that there had been a need to re-design the project for soil stabilization issues that were not discernable until the project had been started and the ground had been uncovered and assessed. He explained that this resulted in an increased number of control joints which is the primary reason the road is bumpy.

Council asked Mr. Veal to meet with CTI and the contractor, Thomas Brothers, to seek a remedy for the rough road.

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Ordinances

1. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13, ENTITLED THE “FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE,” TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.”

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

Discussion

- a. Debt Service Policy. The Council discussed the Town’s Debt Service Policy. After some discussion, the Council asked that staff look at word changes to the policy regarding variable and fixed rate debt options, and bring it back to Council for discussion at a future meeting.
- b. Schedule of Council Work Sessions. Mayor Landrum said that this discussion was requested by Vice Mayor Speak. He asked that this item be tabled and placed on a future agenda when Vice Mayor Speak is present.
- d. DRC Application. After a review of the application, the Council asked that it be forwarded to Ed Garbee, Chair of the Design Review Committee (DRC) for the DRC’s recommendation. Council asked staff to place a resolution for approval of the application on the next agenda.
- c. Amending Municipal Code Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages Chapter 2-Beer. Mayor Landrum offered the Council a list of possible code changes (see attached e-mail). Other considerations discussed included the fact that allowable alcohol content designated in the current Town Code does not match the 8% allowed by State law, or that Chapter 2-8-201 does not allow brown bag and non-sale consumption on Town property. Mr. Veal informed the Council that the National League of Cities offers insurance coverage for alcohol liability for private individuals and companies through our current insurance provider, Public Entity Partners (PEP).

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the September 9, 2019 meeting.

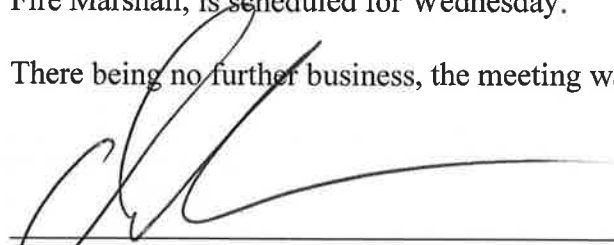
Other Business


Mayor Landrum asked Councilmember Graham to provide an update of repairs to the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) building performed by the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF). Councilmember Graham listed several projects including the

removal of the drop ceiling in the lobby, painting the theater, installing black acoustic tiles in the theater, and that the remodel of room 1 into a conference room is nearing completion, etc.

Mr. Veal said that the final inspection of the recently completed construction at the MACC, by the Fire Marshall, is scheduled for Wednesday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder